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# 'Tis the season for retail revolt

► Workers like Brittany Addison-Prescott, who has worked at Quiksilver in Times Square, have reached their breaking points over job conditions ► Protests at stores last week likely signs of more turmoil to come {page 02}



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## In the news

\$240B

High-end estimate for reconstruction and related purchases and hiring for rebuilding what was destroyed by Hurricane Sandy, assuming \$50 billion in losses, that could boost the national economy by 0.5 percent in the months ahead, according to Economic Outlook Group LLC, a Princeton, N.J.-based forecasting firm. 

## In the news



**Jackpot piles up**  
There were no jackpot winners from Saturday's Powerball drawing, lottery officials said, setting up a record jackpot of \$425 million for

Wednesday's drawing. Eight people matched all five white balls, 22-32-37-44-50, but missed the Powerball 34. That means the jackpot rolls over, creating the largest ever for the contest.

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# Discontent, not sales

► Employees at retail chains in NYC aren't taking ever-expanding hours, ever-decreasing benefits anymore ► Employment numbers show service industry has been backbone of New York City economy since 2010 ► Big problem arises from policy of 'on-call scheduling'

New York City's retail workers say they're not getting a fair deal — and they're not putting up with it any longer.

The Retail Action Project took to the streets on Black Friday, most prominently along the massive 34th Street retail area.

They targeted stores that had been open on Thanksgiving, including KMart, Forever 21, Victoria's Secret, Gap and Lord & Taylor, where they handed out holiday cards for customers to give to retail workers thanking them for their work that day.

"We had a lot of people talking to them and a great response from the workers," Hamano said.

This kind of appreciation and consideration for the personal lives of retail employees is something RAP fights for regularly. RAP's Sustainable Scheduling Campaign came about in response to a practice known as "on-call scheduling" where retailers demand that workers be ready to come into work at a moment's notice. This makes attending school, childcare or having a second job incredibly difficult, Local 1S Retail Workers and Department Store Union's Tara Martin said.

Some retailers also don't give employees enough hours, in order to avoid having to provide benefits like insurance, Martin said, making a second job necessary, particularly in an expensive city like NYC.

"Scheduling is a really key piece in retail workers' ability to make a livable wage," Martin asserted.



► Protesters congratulated each other because they say no one else does.

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## Working on Thanksgiving

Stores that were open:

- Target
- Kmart
- Lord & Taylor
- Forever 21
- Banana Republic
- GAP
- Old Navy
- Ann Taylor
- Victoria's Secret

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## Economic value

Some findings about retail workers and the economy:

- Today, 1 in 10 New Yorkers work in retail. The industry has been a leader in New York City job creation, employing 310,728 people in this time of high unemployment and a shrinking private sector.
- "Retail salesperson" has been a top growth occupation nationally, adding more new jobs than any other occupation during the 2010-2012 economic recovery.

## Retail blackmail

Brittany Addison-Prescott, an employee at Quiksilver in midtown said scheduling blackmail is common in the retail industry.

"At Quiksilver, no one was asked, they just put us on the schedule. If you don't sign up for overnight shifts, you're told you will not have a job. It's very common."

She suffered from a seizure in September that she says came about from

stress, after working as the lone visual merchandiser, doing a job meant for four people. She had to provide her employer with tons of paperwork on her return when she informed her supervisors she was still recovering from an illness and could not run up and down stairs for hours as she had before.

"I had no choice but to come to work because I was one month shy of having health insurance, and now I really needed it," she said.



## Sandy-ravaged Queens suffers holiday break-ins



► Breezy Point

**BREEZY POINT.** Breezy Point, Queens, was one of the neighborhoods hit hardest by Hurricane Sandy, with a fire destroying over 100 homes and extensive flooding damaging the rest.

To add insult to injury, the area's residents are now dealing with a Thanksgiving spike in home break-ins. Police confirmed to Metro

that there were six burglaries in Breezy Point between Wednesday and Thursday, at which time jewelry and a computer were taken.

One couple also lost a \$25,000 coin collection and two watches, according to the New York Post. At another home, thieves made off with about \$400 that stashed away in change jars. 

## 5-year-old shot in the stomach in the Bronx

**BRONX.** A 5-year-old girl was shot early Sunday morning in the Tremont section, reportedly as she returned home from a baby shower.

The girl, identified in reports as Hailey Dominguez, was rushed to nearby St. Barnabas Hospital for surgery after being hit in the stomach by a bullet around 1 a.m., according to police.

She was then transferred to New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center, where she remains in stable condition, police said.

Cops had not yet made any arrests as of Sunday evening. An investigation is ongoing. The Dominguez family is not believed to have been the intended target of the gunfire. 

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## News in brief

## NJ revenue 'striking' in light of Sandy's recent wrath

New Jersey collected \$1.9 billion in tax revenue last month, up 6.8 percent from October 2011.

even though Hurricane Sandy depressed receipts from casinos, the state treasurer's office said.

While revenue is up 3.4 percent for the first four months of fiscal 2013 compared with the same period a year earlier, receipts still trail budget forecasts by \$263.8 million, or about 4.1 percent. The spending plan projected \$31.8 billion.

"The strength of the income-tax revenue is striking and

reflects sustained growth in personal incomes going into the storm," Charles Steindel, the Treasury Department's chief economist, said in the press release. **BLOOMBERG**

## Bronx woman dead, suspect charged

A Bronx man was arrested Saturday for allegedly murdering his girlfriend and then trying to

commit suicide. Cops found Madonna Martin, 22, dead at the intersection of Bruckner Boulevard and Brook Avenue.

Richard Bloomfield, 40, was taken into custody at the scene and later charged with second-degree murder.

Bloomfield was also treated for an injury to his left arm, which he reportedly obtained during a suicide attempt.

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# Brooklyn crime spree finally over, police say

Frozen yogurt and sandwich lovers in Brooklyn can now breathe a little easier.

A man has been charged with allegedly robbing the same Park Slope Tasti D-Lite three times, along with Subway restaurants and a handful of other retail establishments.

Robert Coston, 47, allegedly started his robbery spree on Oct. 17, when he stuck up the Tasti D-Lite for the first time. By Nov. 5, 11 additional robberies occurred, all but one of them in Brooklyn, according to police.

In each incident, Coston allegedly pulled out a gun, demanded money and then fled the scene without harming anyone.

The case took a pivotal turn Wednesday, when police received an anonymous tip iden-

tifying Coston as the perpetrator. After determining that Coston had checked into the Linden Motor Inn in Cypress Hills, Brooklyn, cops apprehended him there without incident.

Coston has been charged with robbing the Tasti D-Lite on Oct. 17, Oct. 26 and Nov. 4.

He also has been charged with twice robbing a Subway restaurant in Boerum Hill, with twice robbing a hair salon in Park Slope, and with trying and failing to rob a Subway restaurant in Fort Greene.

Also, Coston allegedly held up an ice cream restaurant in Cobble Hill, a cleaners in Prospect Heights and an Upper East Side movie theater.

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## Recovery. Charity concert



► Musician Juanes performed Saturday during a benefit concert at Barclays Center in Brooklyn.

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## Singers raise Sandy relief money

Singers Juan Luis Guerra and Juanes raised \$150,000 during a benefit concert at Barclays Center this weekend for victims of Hurricane Sandy, presenting a check from the proceeds to the American Red Cross on Saturday evening. ● METRO

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## News in pictures

### Thanksgiving, with a Mission to help others

The Bowery Mission on the Lower East Side hosted its annual Thanksgiving meal service last week and saw its biggest turnout yet, according to its director, James Winans.

The Mission had preregistered 700 volunteers online and saw a large turnout, reported Winans (though there was not a final count by midday on Thanksgiving).

The staff at the Mission had planned to serve 1,500 meals locally and 5,000 total in all five boroughs. By early afternoon, they were well on their way. One of the other locations had estimated that it would serve 400 meals that day and had already given out nearly that many when Metro checked in last Thursday.

Darren Poindexter, in his 40s, lives at a nearby shelter

and came for the Thanksgiving meal around midday. It was his first time at the Bowery Mission, he said.

"They treated me very well," he said, lingering on his way out. "Real nice, like I was a human being."

He sifted through the bag they handed him on his way out, pointing to the coat, winter gloves and hat inside.

• DANIELLE TCHOLAKIAN

**1:** A line of people waited outside the Bowery Mission's Thanksgiving meal service. At one point in the middle of the day, the line stretched down the block and around the corner.

**2:** A young girl was among many children who showed up with their parents to receive a meal Thursday afternoon.

**3:** The Bowery Mission offers a six-month residential program geared toward getting people who have fallen on hard times back on their feet. Some 80 men sleep in the shelter regularly, until they graduate from the program.

**4:** Volunteers handed out coffee to those who waited in line to enter the Lower East Side location Thanksgiving morning.



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# Black Friday online sales top \$1B for the first time

**22%**

Online sales jumped at least 22 percent on Black Friday, from sales of \$816 million on the same day last year, according to ComScore data.

websites, including Amazon.com and eBay.com.

ComScore expects online retail spending to rise 17 percent to \$43.4 billion through the whole holiday season.

That is above the 15 percent increase last season and ahead of the retail industry's expectation for a 4.1 percent increase in overall spending this holiday.

It's not clear yet whether strong Black Friday sales online will weaken growth on Cyber Monday.

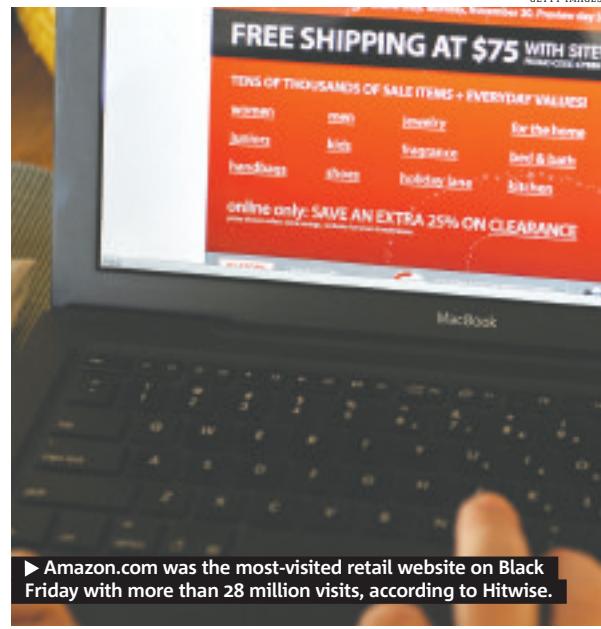
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Black Friday retail sales online this year topped \$1 billion for the first time ever as more consumers used the Internet to do their holiday shopping, comScore Inc. said yesterday.

E-commerce accounts for less than 10 percent of consumer spending in the United States. However, it is growing much faster than brick-and-mortar retail as shoppers are lured by low prices, convenience, faster shipping and wide selection.

ShopperTrak, which counts foot traffic in physical retail stores, estimated Black Friday sales of \$11.2 billion, down 1.8 percent from last year.

"Online has been around 9 percent of total holiday sales, but it could breach 10 percent for the first time this season," said Scot Wingo, chief executive of ChannelAdvisor, which helps merchants sell more on



► Amazon.com was the most-visited retail website on Black Friday with more than 28 million visits, according to Hitwise.

**In the news**  
**Arafat body to be exhumed this week**

The corpse of former Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat will be exhumed next week to investigate allegations he was poisoned, a senior Palestinian official said.

Arafat's tomb in the city of Ramallah will be opened tomorrow, Tawfiq Tirawi, a member of the Palestinian Authority's central committee, said yesterday.

Arafat's wife, Suha, had requested an autopsy to



search for traces of a poisonous substance. She told Al Jazeera in July that a Swiss laboratory had detected high levels of the radioactive isotope polonium in Arafat's clothes, which have been in storage since his death in 2004.

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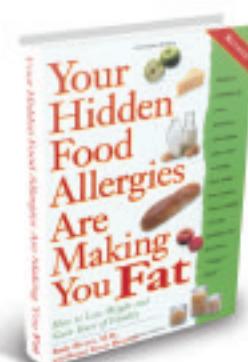


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## In the news

## Revealed: The etiquette of men's restrooms

The byzantine, but largely unspoken rules about how men use public bathrooms have been revealed.

Researchers at the University of London spent months studying how men used a variety of public bathrooms and found that many find the experience very stressful.

Dr. Sarah Moore told the U.K.'s Star newspaper: "Quite a few of our participants reported feeling so intimidated and nervous in certain bathrooms that they were physically unable to use the facilities."

They feared physical violence if they failed to stick to certain basic rules, including:

- Never make eye contact.
- Never push into a urinal line unless there is room.
- Never draw attention to yourself.

Men feared being taken for voyeurs by other men, she added. 

# Head of COP18 speaks of confidence over deal

After the disappointment of previous COP summits, an army of 17,000 delegates is in Qatar attempting to agree an international treaty on protecting the environment. Dr. Saleemul Huq is there and expects progress.

**After recent failures, why should we be optimistic about COP18?**

There is urgency because the previous Kyoto Protocol expires Dec. 31, and everyone recognizes there needs to be an agreement lasting to 2015. I think Obama's election victory has helped break the taboo on climate change issues and there is growing realization from the EU and China that we need to take it more seriously.

**What are the main obstacles?**

One concern is financing the developing countries on cli-



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mate change. The agreement of \$30 billion support over three years is expiring — and although everyone knows what is needed, the exact language will be argued about until the last hour of the last day. The commitment has been very contentious and countries such as Russia and Australia have

been playing hard to get.

**How do you reenergize public opinion on green issues?**

We are rapidly approaching the point that renewable energy becomes financially competitive and if the nations can cooperate we will see a tipping point away from fossil fuels. Major weather events are making people take notice, such as superstorm Sandy and a major drought in the U.S. Midwest this year. The so-called "Denialists," like [New Jersey] Governor Chris Christie, are breaking ranks and accepting the science.

**How significant is locating the event in Qatar?**

It seems strange as it has the highest per capita emissions in the world. But the government is proactive and is bringing in the other Gulf states that rely on oil exports. They want to be part of the solution, not the

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problem and are allocating major resources for solar energy. They are so rich that if they invest now, they will be well placed to lead the renewable revolution.

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## What is COP18?

Since the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change entered into force in 1994, the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC has been meeting annually to assess progress in dealing with climate change. The COP is the "supreme body" of the Convention, its highest decision-making authority. It's an association of all the countries that are Parties to the Convention.

There are now 195 parties to the convention taking part in climate change negotiations. Successive decisions taken by the COP make up a set of rules for practical and effective implementation of the convention.

In 2010, governments agreed that emissions needed to be reduced so that global temperature increases could be limited to below 2 degrees Celsius.

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# The stats on statistics programs



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► American undergrads are showing a new interest in the field of statistics ► Job opportunities are plentiful

In 2010, statistics professor Alan Agresti retired from the University of Florida after 38 years. In that time, he witnessed his field transform from a niche profession for the numerically inclined into one of the most marketable degrees in higher education.

His latest book — “Strength in Numbers,” which he co-edited with Xiao-Li Meng of Harvard University — is an attempt to record the history of the oldest statistics programs across the U.S., from Berkeley to Princeton. “Back when I was a student, most people came to statistics through the back door. Often, you were a math major and you wound up taking a few statistics courses because you heard it had more connection to the real world. It wasn’t until grad school that you really had the opportunity

## Quoted

**“The job market is fantastic. There are simply more jobs than graduates. The pharmaceutical industry alone has a huge need for statisticians.”** AGRESTI

to study statistics,” explains Agresti. “Now, most universities have quite a bit available at the undergraduate level.”

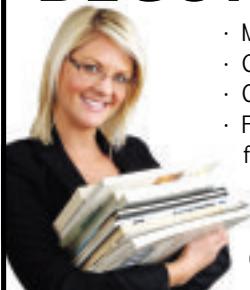
During Agresti’s career there has been an explosion in the demand for trained statisticians, particularly over the past 20 years, with advancements in computing. “There’s been a shortage of statisticians for a

long time. Partly, it’s because statistics has never been regarded as an attractive degree by undergraduates in the U.S.,” says Agresti. “Most graduate departments have more international students than American students. But the job market is fantastic. There are simply more jobs than graduates. The pharmaceutical industry alone has a huge need.”

Now, for the first time, American students are declaring a statistics major before even stepping foot on a college campus. “It used to be that every college student in intro-stats didn’t know what to expect,” says Agresti. “Now, there are AP statistics courses offered at many high schools, so it’s changed dramatically.”

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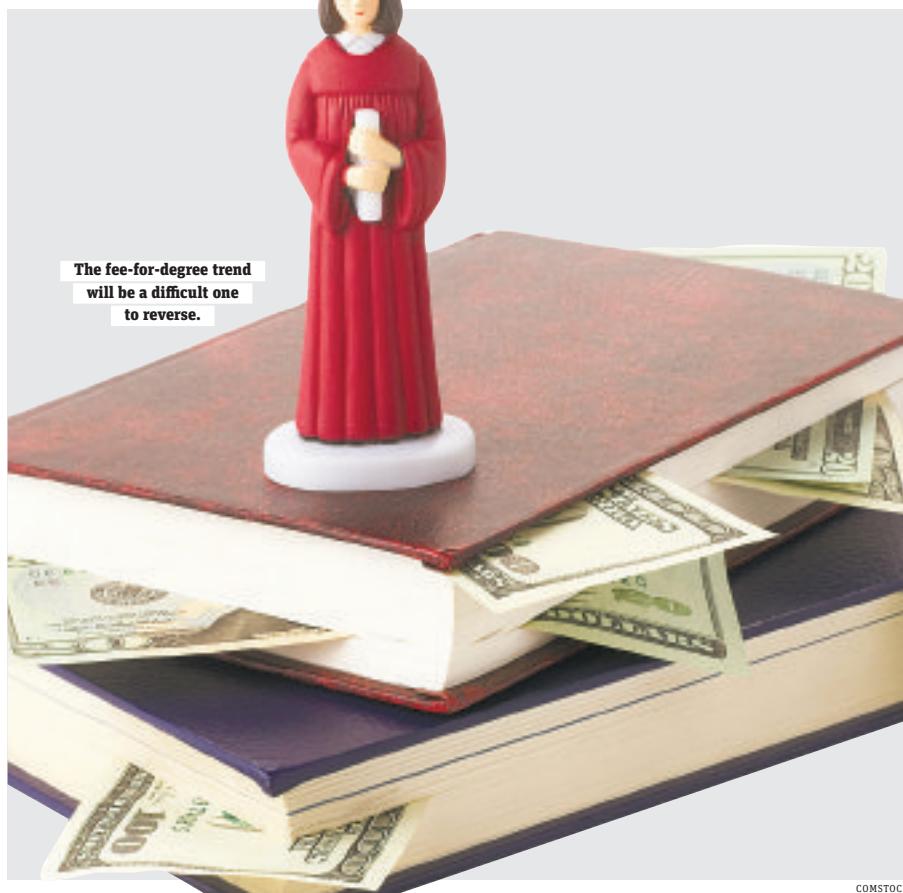
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# The business of higher education

- ▶ Learning for the sake of learning 'has all but disappeared in the UK,' says professor Gary Rolfe
- ▶ The future, unfortunately, doesn't look bright

British author and professor Gary Rolfe doesn't have to look far to find the encroaching corporate values he so vocally detests in education. His own university's mission statement is a prime example: 'Swansea [University] will deliver an outstanding student experience, with teaching of the highest quality that produces graduates equipped for distinguished personal and professional achievement.'

"The shocking thing about many of these mission statements for U.K. universities is the conspicuous lack of the word 'education' or the word 'learning,'" explains Rolfe. "[These words] have been replaced with 'student experience.'

Rolfe's latest book, "University in Dissent: Scholarship in the Corporate University," is a philosophical tongue-lashing of the U.K.'s recent shift to a fee-for-degree system.

"[In the U.S.] the focus appears still to be on education and, in some cases, a liberal education. This has all but disappeared in the U.K., apart from

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**"If we look at the history of the modern university over the past 200 years since its origins in Berlin, we can see a gradual but exponential shift from the university as being in the service of society and answerable to the state to the current situation of self-funding, profit-making businesses."** ROLFE

the very top schools," he says. "Part of the reason for the difference might be that American students have paid up-front for their education [for a long time], and the system has grown up around that idea."

Whereas fees were only introduced in the U.K. relatively recently, U.K. students are still adjusting to the idea of education as a purchase and, as a result, attitudes flipped very rapidly from education for its own sake to the idea of education as an investment."

To combat this new ethos, Rolfe encourages faculty to develop what he calls a "paraverty" — a community of professors committed to the traditional aims of liberal education, no matter what the prevailing trends.

But that doesn't mean Rolfe is hopeful that these values will return wholesale.

"If we look at the history of the modern university over the past 200 years since its origins in Berlin, we can see a gradual but exponential shift from the university as being in the service of society and answerable to the state, to the current situation of self-funding, profit-making businesses," says Rolfe. "There is, I fear, no turning back."

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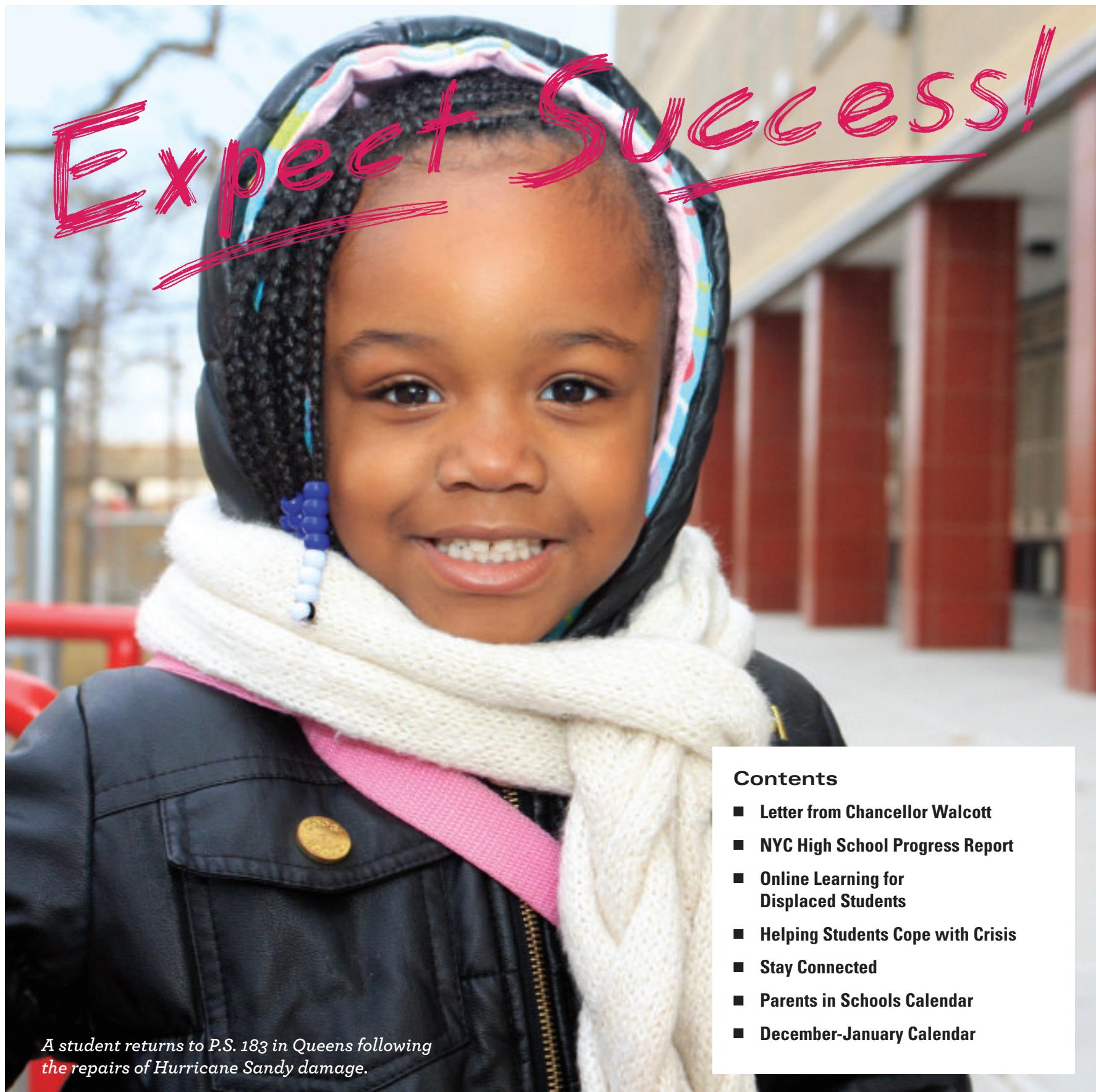
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## NYC High School Progress Report

The 2011-12 High School Progress Reports come out this month. Reports award schools grades based on student progress, performance, and attendance, as well as feedback from parents, students, and teachers. For the first time this year, high school reports also include a section on college and career readiness. Parents can use the Progress Report to evaluate how well their child's school is preparing its students for success in high school, college, and careers.

Ask your principal or parent coordinator for your school's latest report, or view it online by searching [NYC.gov](http://NYC.gov) for Progress Report.

Dear Families,

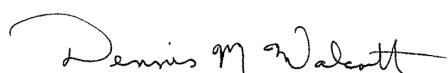
I understand the challenges you have faced in the weeks following Hurricane Sandy. Some of you lost loved ones or know people who have; I offer my condolences to you. Many of you had to take time off work to care for your children who were not at school. I also know that many of your homes were damaged or destroyed, and that some of you are still displaced.

Circumstances such as these not only test our strength but affirm our humanity as we work together for a greater good. Throughout this difficult recovery, we have had one goal: to get all our students back learning in safe schools. Thanks to the hard work of our teachers, principals and school support staff, most students are reporting to their regular classrooms. Schools that were damaged were temporarily relocated to other locations; we are continuing to return these schools to their home buildings. We won't consider the recovery complete until all of our buildings are safe and all of our students and staff have returned.

This Metro insert provides information to help you support your child during this challenging time. Look for articles about counseling services and an innovative online learning tool for displaced students. New Yorkers interested in helping victims of Hurricane Sandy can find volunteer opportunities at [NYC.gov/service](http://NYC.gov/service). For the latest information about school relocations and openings, search [NYC.gov](http://NYC.gov) for Schools.

Thank you for your continued patience and flexibility. Please know that we are here for you, and that nothing is more important to us than your child's education.

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## Helping Students Cope with Crisis

The Department of Education is providing crisis services for students struggling to cope with the effects of Hurricane Sandy. If you notice a significant change in your child's behavior, please contact your school's guidance counselor or social worker for assistance.

Tips for helping your child handle crisis and stress:

- Try to keep basic routines, such as family meals and bedtime stories. Routines give children a sense of normalcy and control.
- Temporarily relax rules, if necessary; for instance, by letting your child go to bed with the light on or sleep in your room.
- Limit exposure to the news. Disturbing images can worry and confuse children.
- Listen to your child's fears and concerns. Answer questions in a way that he or she can understand.
- Reassure your child about his or her safety.
- Be honest with your child and share as much information as he or she is developmentally able to handle.
- Spend extra time with your child and do fun things together.

For information on counseling services provided by the City or ways to help your child manage traumatic events, visit [NYC.gov](http://NYC.gov) and search for Coping.

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### Online Learning for Students Displaced by Hurricane Sandy

**Are you a parent of a middle or high school student displaced by Hurricane Sandy?**

Middle and high school students who are unable to attend their own school due to the impact of the storm may be eligible to take courses online through an extension of the iZone, the Department of Education's program that supports innovative models of teaching, including online tools for classroom learning.

#### What courses are available?

- Courses are available in core subject areas and electives, including English, math, economics, calculus, world history and Spanish.
- All courses will be taught by certified New York City teachers and meet New York State Education Department regulations.

#### How do I learn more?

- Search NYC.gov for Learn at Home and complete the online interest form or call 718-642-5885 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; leave a message if you call outside those hours.
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# Welcome to Pre-K Sessions Rescheduled

Families with children enrolled in pre-kindergarten are invited to participate in discussions on children's learning and Department of Education processes.

Child care will be available.

## TUES., DEC. 11

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

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## Stay Connected



Is today a school holiday or snow day? When are parent-teacher conferences? When is the deadline to register for high school entrance exams? New York City public school families can now stay informed by receiving text messages in English or Spanish throughout the school year. Text "nycschools" or "escuela" to 877-877 to receive school-related information, including calendar updates, reminders and tips on how to access school resources. Standard text messaging rates may apply.

## NYC Public Schools Calendar: December-January

### WED., DEC. 5

No classes for pre-kindergarten students

### MON., DEC. 24 - TUES., JAN. 1

Winter Recess  
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### 2013

### MON., JAN. 21

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
Schools Closed

### MON., JAN. 28

Fall term ends for high school students.  
No classes for high school students.  
(does not apply to District 75 high schools)

### TUES., JAN. 29

Spring term begins for high school students.

## Parents in Schools: Education Council Information Sessions

Parents are invited to attend our upcoming events to find out how to make the most out of educational resources, and how to take part in district decisions by serving on an Education Council.

### Who should attend?

Parents who want a voice in district and City policies affecting their children's schools.

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- in grades 3-8 by district
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- in high school
- receiving special education services through District 75

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**Queens Informational Session**

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Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip [@dorothyatmetro](#) [dorothy.robinson@metro.us](mailto:dorothy.robinson@metro.us)



## Tour fails to 'shine bright'

► When Rihanna finally took the time to talk to Metro on the last day of her 777 Tour, she almost made up for how horrible the rest of the trip was

Rihanna's 777 Tour has taken its toll on journalists and fans who followed the star around the globe. After a week, their frustration exploded. Constant delays, lack of sleep (those on board had to crash whenever and wherever they had a chance: on coaches, onboard the plane or on a floor) and not knowing when the next opportunity to eat and drink would materialize make for circumstances most would endure with joy—if only the main subject of the whole trip would show herself offstage. After mounting criticism spread like a wildfire online—that's the risk you take when you invite 150 journalists—Rihanna on the last day showed herself on the plane. Wearing a puffy jacket and dark sunglasses, she appeared 10 minutes before the plane was due to land after the last leg. She even came close to offering an apology. "I didn't get to spend as much time as I'd originally planned with you guys. I think you are tired as well, so I'm gonna come and

### Quoted

**"Press who really wanted to know the dirt rarely got any dirt because I had to be good. I had to be good this time."**

RIHANNA

sit here with you guys. And thank you, everybody, for making this trip the s—," she told the journalists.

### What was the hardest part of the tour?

The hardest part? I guess trying to balance being a hostess and a performer. I'm supposed to do my show and then shut the f—up until the next show. Because the two hours we have to fly, that's when I can sleep, but I really wanted to hang out and interact with everybody and give everybody my time. So I guess that was difficult.

**Can you sum up the tour for us?**

Rock 'n' roll, true friends. Press who really wanted to know the dirt rarely got any dirt because I had to be good. I had to be good this time. We would have had a 333 tour if I wasn't good. I wouldn't have lasted. I still sound like s— right now. But tonight is the last s—, so we are going all the way. No mercy, that's what I mean. I'm gonna put all my energy into this one show," the singer told our Metro reporter on the plane.

So, on Wednesday, Ri Ri ended the tour at Webster Hall in New York before boarding yet another flight to celebrate Thanksgiving with her ex **Chris Brown** at a club in Berlin. "All alone in my big ole jet!!! See u soon lover," she tweeted before her now empty plane took off.

And with that, the Word is going to take a much-needed break from caring about the mess that is Rihanna.

— Metro's **Katarina Matsson** tried to follow Rihanna on her 777 Tour. She, and her fellow journalists and fans, didn't have much luck.



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1: **Klara Soderberg** of the Swedish folk duo First Aid Kit performed on Thanksgiving in Manchester.

2: **Andrea Bocelli** kicked off his six-city fall tour on Friday in San Jose, Calif.

3: **Ke\$ha** stopped by NBC's "To-

day" on Tuesday to promote her forthcoming new album "Warrior."

4: **Gwen Stefani** fronted a No Doubt concert on Saturday in Universal City, Calif.

5: **R. Kelly** brought his "Single Ladies" tour to MSG Theater on Wednesday in New York City.

6: **Diana Krall** performed at Palais des Congres on Wednesday in Paris.

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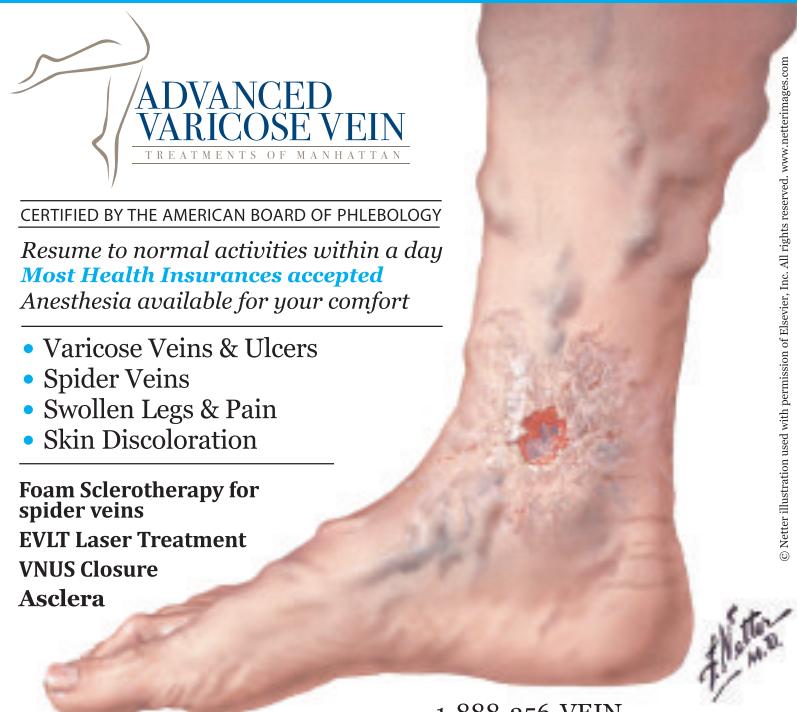
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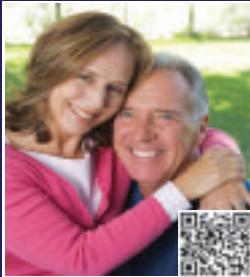


► "Come, come children, and give me your allowance money," beckons Aro of "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2."

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Teen vampire film "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2" took another bite of the domestic box office, drawing \$64 million in ticket sales over the five-day Thanksgiving holiday weekend to finish ahead of the James Bond film "Skyfall."

After opening with a massive \$141.1 million last weekend, the finale of the "Twilight" franchise brought in a holiday swarm of fans to see teen favorites Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart and Taylor Lautner, pushing "Breaking Dawn" to \$227 million in domestic ticket sales.

"Skyfall," starring Daniel Craig in the 23rd installment of the James Bond franchise, finished second, collecting \$51 million in weekend ticket sales in the United States and Canada, according to studio estimates compiled by the box office division of Hollywood.com.

## \$64M

Thanksgiving box office haul for "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2"

"Lincoln," Steven Spielberg's historical film about the last days of President Abraham Lincoln, grabbed third, with \$34.1 million over the Wednesday-through-Sunday period.

Making its debut in fourth place with \$32.6 million was the animated film "Rise of the Guardians," featuring the voice of Alec Baldwin as Santa Claus.

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► Billy Burke, left, stars as Miles Matheson and David Lyons as Sebastian Monroe on "Revolution."

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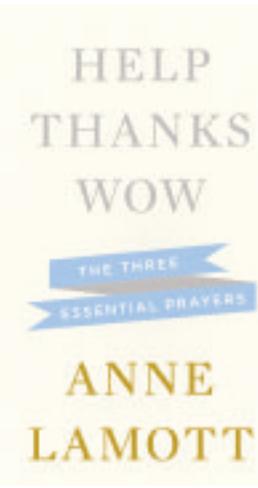
Leigh bells ring, are you listening? Most likely, the answer is no. Rather, your iPod's at peak volume as you're racing through aisles, trying to ignore the clanking of shopping carts, the feedback of intercom announcements and the throngs of consumers deliberating over which shades of Ikea table runners their mothers won't turn their noses up at during Christmas dinner. It doesn't matter what's playing; eventually even guided meditation podcasts can't drown out the noise our minds make leading up to the holidays. There's so much anxiety caused by family obligations, end-of-year deadlines,

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buying gifts (or being unable to do so) and traveling — not that you needed to be reminded.

What's necessary to remember, however, is that we're only human and there's only so much we can take on ourselves. Sometimes we need help, and that's where Anne Lamott comes in. With grace, humility and her signature sense of self-deprecating humor, the celebrated author keeps our insanity in check with her latest inspirational, if not breezy, book, "Help, Thanks, Wow." While it's not a guidebook for how to set intentions and offer gratitude — Lamott insists there aren't codes for this — it's a compact companion reader to snap you back to the present moment with each page turn.

For Lamott, "help," "thanks" and "wow" are all expressions of prayer, which she emphasizes can be secular and should be personalized to accommodate your own beliefs. By her definition, prayer is simply "communication from our hearts ... to the animating energy of love we are sometimes bold enough to believe in." In other words, it's our needs and desires, articulated. Through



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self-reflective anecdotes, she breaks down the three prayers and encourages us to start and sustain a practice of peace and

mindfulness.

"Help," says Lamott, "is almost an involuntary reaching out, a sound of desperation." The panic could stem from something as small as a delayed flight or as big as a blizzard exacerbating the wreckage caused by superstorm Sandy. Whatever the reason, calling for help is to surrender, admitting we can't control everything, certainly not air traffic or the weather.

If to ask for help means to let go, then giving "thanks" is the ability to reframe what caused us to panic in order to move on. "[To say] 'thank you' breaks through the thoughts, business, obsession and fixation to this pure moment of gratitude, the amazement that things have worked out," insists Lamott. We may not hear answers to our cries for help immediately, but with patience and without anticipating a perfect outcome, we can try to find some good in even the worst-case scenarios.

"Wow" is the release, like the sound of an exhaled breath. "To say 'wow' means you're agreeing to pay attention," says Lamott, adding that awareness "is the path, the cord, the chan-



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"Anywhere you are conscious is sacred space," says Lamott. Your subway car may be crowded, stuffy and loud, but the author adds: "It's all nutritious, if you're truly there for it."

How might you decide to practice awareness, aside from being acutely aware of how ridiculous you look in the sweater your grandmother knitted? Consider this: What if you're wearing it to your dysfunctional family's holiday festivities? (Help!) Think of how happy it makes your Nana to see you in it (reframe the situation: Thanks!). And, finally, remember, baby, it's cold outside. Although you may be the victim of snarky finger-pointing, you're alive and warm, inside and out. (Wow!)

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**News in brief****Cyber Monday in the office**

Looking to score some desk-side Cyber Monday deals? You won't be the only one clicking through Amazon: In a new survey by staffing firm Robert Half Technology, only one-third of employers interviewed said they blocked access to online shopping sites. That's down dramatically from last year, when 60 percent reported blocking access. While 55 percent of employers said that they allow online shopping but monitor their employees for excessive use, 10 percent reported allowing unlimited access to shopping sites. • METRO

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# 5 Questions you shouldn't ask at a job interview

► Arriving prepared with appropriate, engaging questions will help your chances ► But inquiring about your paycheck up-front is a likely deal breaker

**B**eing prepared with the right questions at the end of an interview can help seal the deal in your favor.

However, ask any of the following questions and you could be staring at your phone for weeks wondering where it all went wrong.

**1 How much will I make at this gig?**: You should know how much you would like to be paid compared to industry standards and for someone with your experience. The interviewer may ask you about the salary range you are expecting to earn. You, however, should never ask them how much you are going to earn, especially during a first interview.

It's a double standard, but asking makes you look like you care more about the money than the job at hand. Put your passion for the work before your empty bank account.

**2 Do I have to work overtime or on weekends or holidays?**: The details of vacation time and pay should be left for a later interview or after receiving a job offer. Ask instead what a typical day or work week is like at the office for someone in this

**3 How long until I get promoted?**: Try not to make it sound like you are only using this job as a stepping stone to your next one. Focusing on how passionate you are about this job, its projects and the company's goals is a better tactic.

Learn about advancement in a more roundabout way, such as by asking about possible training and development opportunities, performance reviews or asking the interviewer where they started with the company to get to where they are now.

position to figure out what's been done in the past and the time commitment required.

**4 I heard about [some piece of company news] on your website. Can you tell me more?**: If you found something interesting on the company's website and just want to prove you did your homework, don't ask this question. The interviewer may not be able to answer the question if they don't work in that department.

Also, they'll expect that you

will have already read up on their latest news and may wonder why you're asking about it. If you find a piece of news related to the job and have an interesting and precise question to ask that you think can be answered by the interviewer, go for it. You want to seem perceptive and knowledgeable, and not that you simply know how to use Google.

**5 When is the baby due?**: Keep all personal questions out of the equation and don't refer to the interviewer casually unless instructed to do so. Build rapport in other ways by asking them about their management style or their involvement with the position at hand. Company culture is another safe bet. Don't broach the topic of drinks after work just yet—unless they do, in which case, keep your enthusiasm for alcohol to a minimum.

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## Sticks and stones may break bones, but words catch world's attention

RE: "HAMAS SAYS TRUCE AGREED; ISRAEL, EGYPT SAY NO DEAL YET" (METRO, NOV. 21-25) I believe that the Palestinians would have more success in their struggle with Israel if they adopted exclusively nonviolent tactics. A nonviolent Palestine could occupy the moral high ground in world opinion. No more rock-throwing and no more rockets. Israel is heavily armed, so contending with them militarily makes no sense. (Of course nonviolence strategy would work better for both sides.) In "The Politics of Nonviolent Action," Gene Sharp discusses 198 nonviolent tactics. Such tactics were successfully used, for

example, in South Africa — and in the independence movements in India and Lithuania.

PAUL EMILE ANDERS, VIA E-MAIL

To those writers who decry the recent events in Gaza, I commend you for your compassion. But who is to blame for the Palestinian's plight? Israel? To some degree; their policy on settlement is inflammatory, to say the least.

But don't forget to blame Hezbollah, Hamas and their patron states like Syria and Iran, who profit from the death of every Israeli and Palestinian child equally. Let's not forget the Palestinian leaders, like Yasser Arafat, who snatched defeat from the jaws of victory at Taba, and finally, the Pales-

tinians who allow themselves to be cannon-fodder and human shields for those who would use their population centers to launch indiscriminate attacks on Israeli civilians. There will be no peace, as Golda Meir said, as long as the Palestinians hate the Israelis more than they love their own children.

ERIC BLOCK, VIA E-MAIL

RE: "IT'S A BAD IDEA TO STICK BY ALLIES, EVEN WHEN WRONG" (METRO, NOV. 21-25) I wonder how letter writer Rich Brittle would react if someone were launching rockets at his house. I agree with his statement that our hearts should bleed for Palestine and its people. However, our hearts should also bleed for the Israelis who have been killed

by Hamas terrorism.

JOHN FRANCIS FOX, VIA E-MAIL

## Talk about a sore ... winner?

RE: "GOP ONLY WINS VOTES BY CHEATING" (METRO, NOV. 21-25) Letter writer Paul Simons is unbelievable.

His team wins, but he has to cry foul over the few victories the other side gets.

The Democrats had more votes — well, yes, but you're not supposed to count dead people and pets.

"President Obama is a fighter" — yes. He fought for as much media time on "The View" and for as many donations as possible while Ambassador Stevens was being killed in Benghazi by the al Qaeda that he personally had decimated by allowing the Navy SEALs to take out Osama bin Laden.

Your guy won, Paul. The Era of American Exceptionalism lost.

Just be happy with that, OK?

FRANK DIXON, VIA E-MAIL

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## Horoscope

♑ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. Establish an agenda and do your best to adhere to it. Unless you put some kind of plan together, you could get into trouble when trying to cut corners.

♒ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. While in your presence, a couple of friends might put down an absent friend. Under no circumstances should you contribute to the bash-fest.

♓ Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. Details could be of unusual importance when it comes to your big objectives. A failure to read the fine print and double-check everything could deprive you of the success you usually enjoy.

♓ Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. There are very few things that would invite as many complications as would you being a copycat. Methods that worked well for another might cause you big trouble — and damage your reputation, to boot.

♈ Aries March 21-April 19. Guard against temptation to spend money on something that has previously proven to be wasteful. Don't be misled twice: You can't afford it.

♉ Taurus April 20-May 20. Although you might feel impelled to make a difficult decision, don't do so impulsively. Take plenty of time to study

the matter first, weighing all of your alternatives.

♊ Gemini May 21-June 20. A poor attitude will work to your detriment if you're not careful. You could easily make a problematical assignment even more difficult than it already is.

♋ Cancer June 21-July 22. Be extremely careful not to come on too strong in your business and personal matters. Even if your input is well-intended, your associates might feel you're trying to dominate them.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 22. Your respect for authority figures could appear to be nonexistent if you're not careful. Be as diplomatic as possible when dealing with those with lots of clout.

♍ Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. If someone should ask you to deliver a message, take precautions and write it down. Your memory might not be up to its usual strength, and you may lose something in translation.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Don't trust important instructions to your memory. Your recall might not be as flawless as you think — and if not, you could land in a lot of trouble.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. Cooperativeness is always important, but it's especially essential in your current one-on-one relationships. If you lack the ability to work well with others, it could cause needless problems.

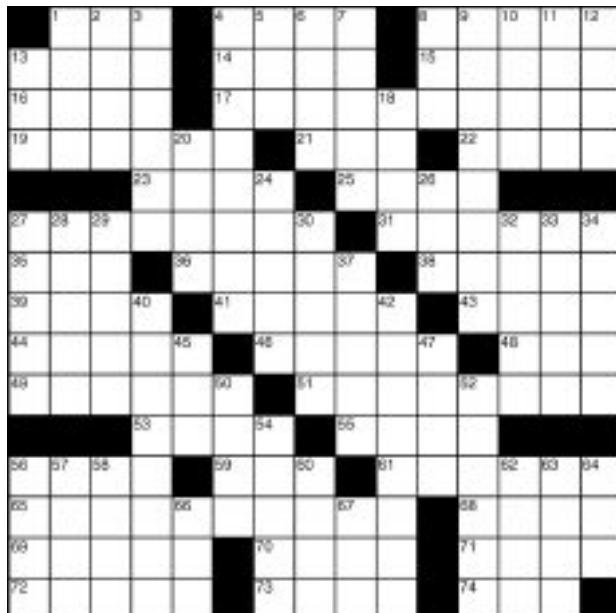
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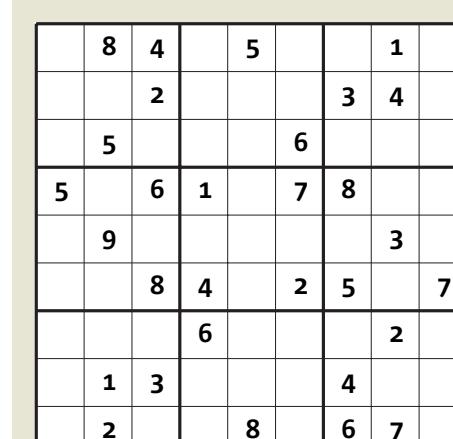
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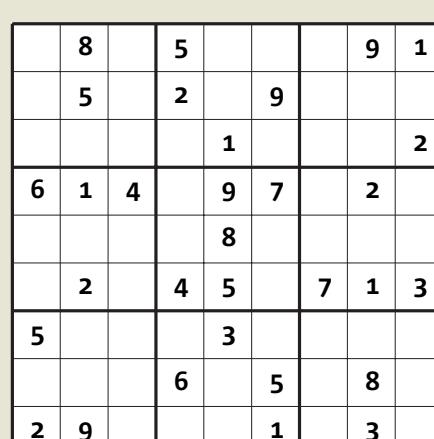
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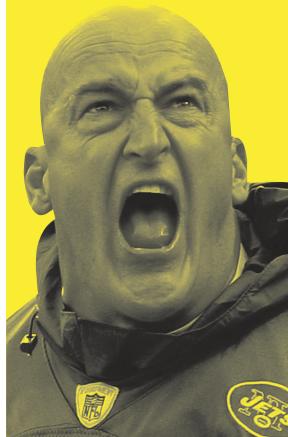


# 'FIREMAN' ED STEPS AWAY, BUT NOT AS FAN

## Guest Column

### ED ANZALONE

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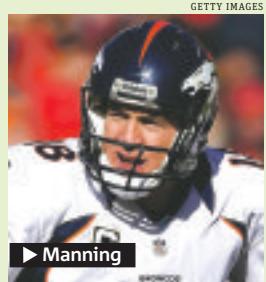
### Falcons rally for win, Cutler looks strong

Metro takes a look at Week 11 in the NFL:

**Falcons 24, Buccaneers 23**  
The Bucs led 23-17 in the fourth quarter, but an inability to score touchdowns cost them in the end. Tampa settled for three field goals in the game. Meanwhile, Falcons tailback Michael Turner ran one in with 7:55 remaining

On Thanksgiving night, I left the Jets game before halftime. This was the second time in a row I left before there were four zeroes on the clock. We have had much worse teams than this and I never left before. I pride myself in that, because I am not a quitter.

I decided to leave Thursday because the confrontations with other Jets fans have become more common, even though most Jets fans are fantastic. This is an indication of how society has lost and is continuing to lose respect for one another. The stadium has become divided because of the quarterback controversy as well. The fact that I chose to wear a Mark Sanchez jersey this year and that fans think I am on the payroll — which is an outright lie — have made these confrontations more frequent. Whether it's in the stands, the bathroom or the parking lot, these confrontations are happening on a con-



for the game-winning score.

**Bears 28, Vikings 10**  
Jay Cutler returned from a one-game absence due to a concussion as the Bears as-



Tom Brady and the Patriots humiliated the Jets on Thanksgiving night.

sistent basis.

Although I can "hold my own," I do not want to lose my temper and make a stupid mistake. I have a responsibility to the families and kids that enjoy the game and Fireman Ed.

**Quoted**

**"I will always love the Jets because they are in my heart, and I will attend games as usual, just not as Fireman Ed."**

I have enjoyed my time in chanting the greatest chant in all of sports. I have enjoyed meeting all the wonderful Jets fans around the world and look forward to the day we all can raise the Lombardi Trophy as one and celebrate a world championship down the Canyon of Heroes!

I will always love the Jets because they are in my heart, and I will attend games as usual, just not as Fireman Ed. God bless and, as always, let's go Jets!

**— Fireman Ed Anzalone was a New York City firefighter for two decades and has been a Jets fan since 1975.**

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► Fireman Ed has been wearing a Mark Sanchez jersey this season instead of his usual No. 42.

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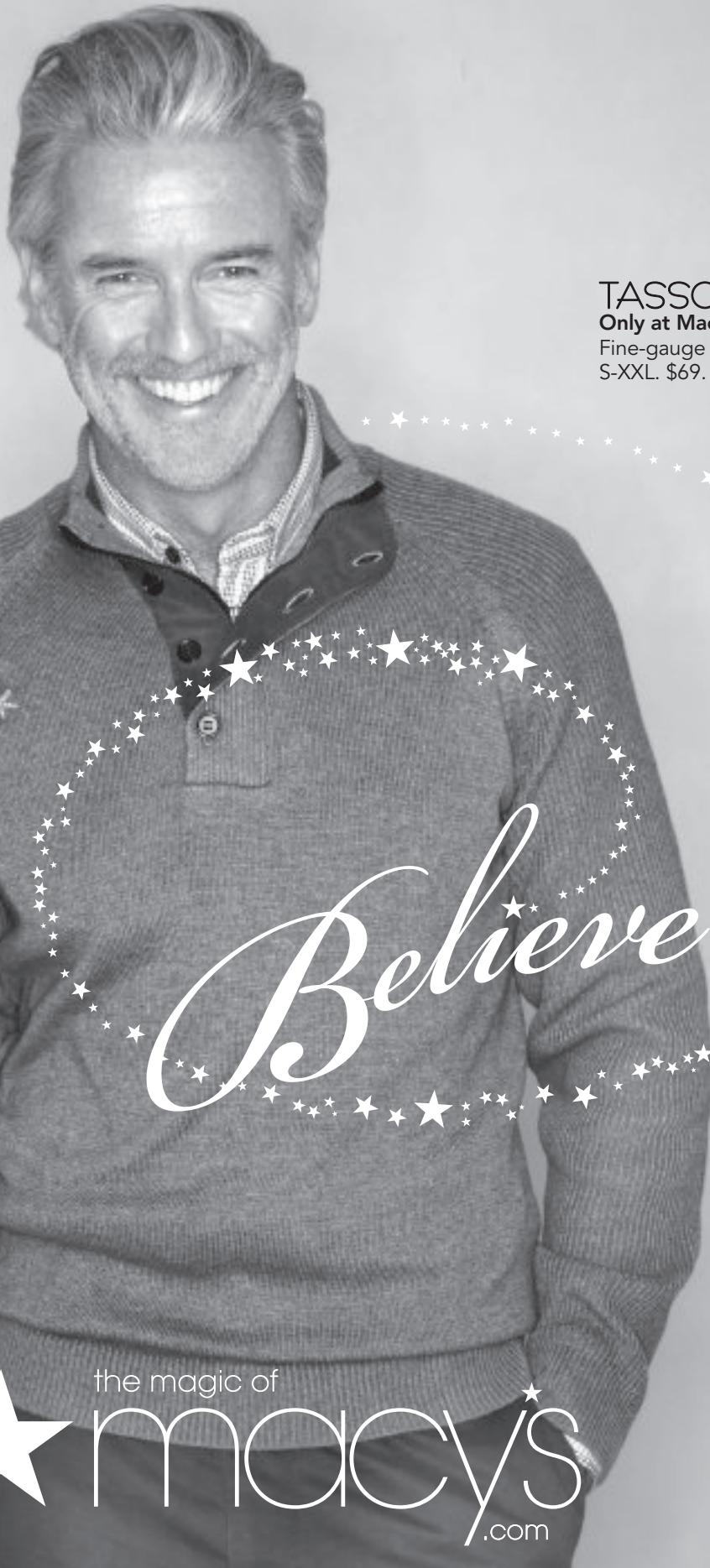


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